CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

- 1. A computer-program-based method for providing a feedback control for a given set of entry and target control quantities  $\chi$  and  $\mu$  of a system model, the method comprising a repetition of the following steps:
- a) providing a starting value  $\chi'_1$  for each of said entry control quantities  $\chi$  in said model,
- b) running the model based on said starting values and obtaining a resulting actual value for each of said target control quantities  $\mu$ ,
- c) using the values obtained for  $\mu$  to define a new start value for  $\chi$  for use in a repeated modeling step,

whereby the method comprises the following formula to calculate the respective next value of the entry control quantities:

$$\chi'_{n+1} = \frac{\nu_n}{1 + \rho_n (1 - \nu_n)}$$
 6a)

where  $ho_{\rm n}$  is a suitable parameter and

$$v_n = (n+1)u - nu_n$$
 (6b)

 $\chi'_n$  is valid for the next iteration only while  $\mu_n$  and  $\rho_n$  are values measured from the beginning of the simulation.

- 2. The method according to claim 1 further comprising simulating a multi-processor system in which said control quantities are CP utilizations in a computer system model.
- 3. A computer program product for providing a feedback control for a given set of entry and target control quantities  $\chi$  and  $\mu$  of a system model, said computer program product comprising:

a computer readable medium having recorded thereon computer readable program code performing the method comprising a repetition of the following steps:

- a) providing a starting value  $\chi'_1$  for each of said entry control quantities  $\chi$  in said model,
- b) running the model based on said starting values and obtaining a resulting actual value for each of said target control quantities  $\mu$ ,
- c) using the values obtained for  $\mu$  to define a new start value for  $\chi$  for use in a repeated modeling step,

whereby the method comprises the following formula to calculate the respective next value of the entry control quantities:

$$\chi'_{n+1} = \frac{\nu_n}{1 + \rho_n (1 - \nu_n)}$$
 6a)

where  $ho_{\mathrm{n}}$  is a suitable parameter and

$$v_n = (n+1)u - nu_n$$
 (6b)

 $\chi'_n$  is valid for the next iteration only while  $\mu_n$  and  $\rho_n$  are values measured from the beginning of the simulation.

- 4. The computer program product according to claim 3 wherein the method further comprises simulating a multi-processor system in which said control quantities are CP utilizations in a computer system model.
- 5. A computer system for providing a feedback control for a given set of entry and target control quantities  $\chi$  and  $\mu$  of a system model, the computer system comprising:
- a) a starting value  $\chi'_1$  for each of said entry control quantities  $\chi$  in said model,
- b) a control element running the model based on said starting values and obtaining a resulting actual value for each of said target control quantities  $\mu$ ,
- c) said control element using the values obtained for  $\mu$  to define a new start value for  $\chi$  for use in a repeated modeling step,

whereby the control element uses the following formula to calculate the respective next value of the entry control quantities:

$$\chi'_{n+1} = \frac{\nu_n}{1 + \rho_n (1 - \nu_n)}$$
 6a)

where  $ho_{\rm n}$  is a suitable parameter and

$$v_n = (n+1)u - nu_n$$
 (6b)

 $\chi'_n$  is valid for the next iteration only while  $\mu_n$  and  $\rho_n$  are values measured from the beginning of the simulation.

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6. The computer system according to claim 5 wherein said control element simulates a multi-processor system in which said control quantities are CP utilizations in a computer system model.